Telecom Projects in Gujarat and Maharashtra

1908. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total number of ongoing projects, pertaining to the Ministry of Communications in Gujarat and Maharashtra as on 30th June, 1994 ;

(b) what is the number of those projects out of this which are lagging behind their original schedule ;

(c) whether the cost of these projects has been escalated due to delay in their execution ;

(d) if so, what is the amount of cost escalation ;

(e) what is the number of projects out of them which are being executed with assistance from private/foreign financial institutions ;

(f) whether it is also a fact that Government have to pay commitment charges on this amount for not utilising foreign assistance in a proper manner ; and

(g) what are the commitment charges during the year 1992-93, 1993-94 and as on date ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) The total number of ongoing projects in Gujarat and Maharashtra including MTNL Bombay as on 30-6-84 is 1,087.

(b) Nil.

(c) and (d) The question does not arise.

(e) to (g) Information is being compiled and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Commissioning of Telephone Exchanges in Hilly Districts of Uttar Pradesh

1909. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of telephone exchanges proposed to be commissioned during 1993-94 in the hilly districts of Uttar Pradesh ; and

(b) the places where the telephone exchanges have been commissioned so far out of them and to be commissioned during 1994-95 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) and (b) During the year 1993-94, 18 exchanges were planned to be commissioned in the hilly districts of Uttar Pradehs. Of these, exchanges at 10 places were commissioned during 1993-94 and the remaining 8 will be commissioned during 1994-95. Details are given in the enclosed Statement *(See* below).

In addition to the above, 33 Nos. of Telephone Exchanges are also planned to be commissioned in Hilly Districts of Uttar Pradesh during 1994-95.

Statement

I. Places where telephone exchanges have been commissioned during 1993-94

Sl. No.	Name of District	Name of Place/ Exchange
1.	Pithoragarh . .	Pithoragarh
2.	Nainital . . .	Ramnagar
3.	Nainital . . .	Pantnagar
4.	Nainital . . .	Bazpar
5.	Nainital . . .	Sitarganj
6.	Nainital . . .	Ranikhet
7.	Dehradun . .	Dehradun
8.	Dehradun . .	Mussorie
9.	Pauri . . .	Srinagar
10.	Dehradun . .	Raipur

II. Places where telephone exchanges are planned to be commissioned during 1994-95

Sl. No.	Name of District	Name of Place/ Exchange
1.	Nainital . . .	Kichha
2.	Nainital . . .	Gadarpur
3.	Nainital . . .	Janakpur
4.	Dehradun . .	Rajour
5.	Dehradun . .	Doiwala
6.	Dehradun . .	Dak Pathar
7.	Chamoli . .	Karanprayag
8.	Chamoli . .	Rudraprayag

Demand for Improvement in Postal System

1910. SHRI O. P. KOHLI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the 'Jansatta' dated 30th October, 1994 under the caption "Daak Vyavashta sudharne ki maang" ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir,